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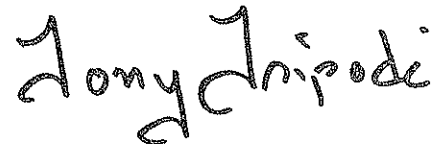
On April 16, 1999, The Ohio State University College of Social Work hosted its Eleventh National Symposium on Doctoral Research, carrying on a rich tradition of featuring new research in the field of social work.

Dr. Bruce Thyer of the University of Georgia School of Social Work delivered this year's Keynote Address, which is included in the following pages. Emphasizing the critical, but oft misunderstood, role of theory as it relates to the practice of social work, Dr. Thyer's engaging address was attended by more than two hundred enthusiastic students, faculty, and social work practitioners.

Eight presenters were invited to share their research at the symposium, all of whom are recent graduates of social work doctoral programs throughout the country. These include Bryn Mawr College, Case Western Reserve University, Florida State University, Fordham University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Virginia Commonwealth University. As the abstracts in these Proceedings indicate, the dissertation research represents a spectrum of themes and methodologies.

The presentations unfolded in four concurrent sessions held throughout the day; serving as session respondents were esteemed scholars Ruth Dunkle, Charles Garvin, and Siri Jayaratne of the University of Michigan and Eileen Trzcinski of Wayne State University. The respondents' insights added immeasurable intellectual vigor to the Symposium, and we extend our deep gratitude to them for their efforts, this year and in years past.

To all those who took part in the Eleventh National Symposium, we express our sincere thanks. We offer these Proceedings to the constantly expanding knowledge base that influences social work research.



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